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Title: ELEVATOR STRUCTURE MOUNTING SYSTEM HAVING HORIZONTAL COMPRESSION MEMBER FOR REDUCING BUILDING LOADS AT TOP OF HOISTWAY

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ Since the number of claims remaining after amendment does not exceed the highest number of claims previously paid for, no additional fee is required.
- ☒ Please charge the total additional fee (if any) for this amendment, calculated as shown below, to the deposit account and order number shown below; a duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED				
FOR	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMEND.	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA AND RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	20	0 x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	3	1 x \$78.00	\$ 78.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			\$260.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$ 78.00

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 9, as shown on the appended Claim Sheet, to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) An elevator system comprising:
an elevator assembly disposed within a hoistway and suspended by elevator ropes having ends suspended with respect to a pair of rigid structures; and
a compression member positioned between said rigid structures in such a manner so as to counter resultant forces applied to said rigid structures due to a vertical load.

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9. (Amended) An elevator system according to claim 1, wherein
said vertical load is attributable to said elevator assembly.

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